



AGRIBUSINESS INDUSTRY

REAL-TIME INDUSTRY SUMMARY

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2024 STATEWIDE LABOR ANALYSIS

There were more than 4,800 online job postings for the Agribusiness industry from January 2024 to December 2024. The top occupation was *Maintenance and Repair Workers, General* making up 4.9 percent of total industry job postings for the time period.

The employers with the most job postings were MFA Inc., Simmons Prepared Food, Tyson Foods, Land O'Lakes, and Dairy Farmers of America.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS

SOC Code	Description	Percent of total industry postings	Average Annual Wage
Now- requires short-term on-the-job training, little to no experience, and/or a high school diploma			
53-7062	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	4.4%	\$39,900 ★
51-3023	Slaughterers & Meat Packers	2.8%	\$42,850
53-7051	Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	1.8%	\$47,550
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, & Aquacultural Animals	1.3%	\$39,550
53-7064	Packers & Packagers, Hand	1.2%	\$37,550
Next- requires a non-degree certificate, associate degree, apprenticeship, some experience, or moderate-to long-term training			
49-9071	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	4.9%	\$51,360 ★
53-3032	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	4.2%	\$54,480 ★
51-2090	Miscellaneous Assemblers & Fabricators	3.7%	\$46,040 ★
51-9199	Production Workers, All Other	3.1%	\$42,720
51-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers	2.2%	\$72,460
Later- requires a bachelor's degree or higher			
11-1021	General & Operations Managers	1.0%	\$101,060 ★
11-3051	Industrial Production Managers	1.0%	\$118,370
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	0.9%	\$80,160 ★
13-1071	Human Resources Specialists	0.7%	\$70,430 ★
19-1012	Food Scientists & Technologists	0.7%	\$104,060

★ Denotes the top 10 occupations by total number of projected openings from 2022-2032 in Now, Next, and Later categories

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Across the state, there are numerous programs in many locations that train for occupations in the Agribusiness industry. To find degree and certificate programs at an educational institution near you, visit [MoSCORES](#), a tool designed to assist job seekers, students, career counselors, educators, and planners with a better understanding of training options and typical work outcomes of graduates, for traditional degree programs as well as noncredit credentials. In addition, there are U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship programs for Agribusiness occupations in Missouri. Visit [Apprenticeship Missouri](#) for more information.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS

TOP 10 COMMON SKILLS

Communication
Management
Operations
Leadership
Lifting Ability
Customer Service
Problem Solving
Detail Oriented
Time Management
Business Objectives

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Several soft skills, such as communication, leadership, and customer service, ranked in the top 10 requested common skills. Communication skills were requested in over two-fifths (43%) of Agribusiness total job postings.

TOP 10 SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Personal Protective Equipment
Forklift Truck Operation
Operating Systems
Machinery
General Mathematics
Continuous Improvement Process
Good Manufacturing Practices
Food Safety And Sanitation
Auditing
Warehousing

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Top specialized skills included personal protective equipment, forklift truck operation, and operating systems.

TOP 10 SOFTWARE SKILLS

Operating Systems
SAP Applications
R (Programming Language)
Spreadsheets
Power BI
Tableau (Business Intelligence Software)
Inventory Management System
Dashboard
Human Resources Information System (HRIS)
Salesforce

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Microsoft Office and its products, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access, are the most requested software skills across all industries. Other skills requested in the Agribusiness industry include operating systems, SAP, and R.

TOP 10 QUALIFICATIONS

Valid Driver's License
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
Forklift Certification
Pallet Jack Certification
Hazmat Endorsement
Pesticide Applicator License
Security Clearance
Tanker Endorsement
Master Of Business Administration (MBA)
Professional in Human Resources

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The top requested certificates included Driver's License and Commercial Driver's Licenses.

Sources:

- LightCast™
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, 2024
- 2022-2032 Employment Projections published by Missouri Economic Research and Workforce Information Center (MERIC), 2024

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